

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Office of the Comptroller Telcon Request for Information Concerning the New Headquarters Building Schedule and Concerning Agency Funding Committments Made Regarding a \$500,000 Exit Lane off the Northbound Beltway onto the Southbound George Washington Memorial Parkway

STAT	1. On 24 June 1986 I received a telcon from Chief of the Administration Group in the Office of the Comptroller,
	Based on assurances that the Director of Logistics
STAT	(at the time, Mr. Henry P. Mahoney) had authorized me to discuss this information with me, I provided with as complete information as I had on the two subjects. I had previously refused
SIAI	to provide with this information without prior Director of Logistics authorization.

Regarding the construction completion schedule for the New Headquarters Building (NHB), I explained to that there was no hard, factual information available at this time. This situation exists because the General Services Administration (GSA) Construction Manager and the Bid Package #2 contractor, Centex Construction Co. have not yet begun negotiations on the refitup of the NHB that resulted from the Headquarters Management Board (HMB) decisions in November, 1985 that changed the occupancy rooster there. I went on to add that, based upon the very best intuitive estimates available, that our best quessing, absent a formalized agreement between GSA and Centex, on completion of the NHB was as follows:

<u>Facility</u>	Contract Schedule	Best Current Estimate
Center Section	31 December 1986	01 September 1987
North Tower	01 April 1987	01 September 1987
South Tower	01 July 1987	30 October 1987

STAT I went on to again explain to venacular that I used, "Wild Ass Guessing", in the sense that until GSA and Centex had negotiated the cost and schedule impacts of all outstanding changes (the largest increment by far being the HMB November 1985 changes) and formalized the results into a bilateral contract amendment, that no one in the world knows for sure what a realistic completion schedule for the NHB is. While it represents the best judgments of the GSA Construction Manager and NBPO, and while it (the estimated schedule above) is considered to be

STAT STAT STAT acknowledged at several points in the conversation that he understood this point.

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next asked about the commitment to fund \$500,000for an exit lane off the I-495 Beltway. I explained to him that, based on verbal Director of Logistics' (at the time, Mr. Henry P. Mahoney) direction, I had briefed the Agency's Traffic Advisory Committee that we would request a \$500,000 appropriation from the Congress in FY 1988 to fund the construction of an expanded exit lane off of I-495 northbound onto the southbound George Washington Memorial Parkway. This commitment was really a reaffirmation of a verbal commitment that Mr. Harry Fitzwater (then the Deputy Director for Administration) had made in 1983 to Congressman Frank Wolf (R, Va), and it was made at the insistence of local residents who wanted to be sure that everything possible was being done to take traffic off of Route 123. I went on to explain that neither the NBPO nor the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation feel that the addition of this expanded exit lane will do anything to relieve traffic on Route 123, because by 1990 both the States of Virginia and Maryland will have expanded the Cabin John Bridge and both I-495 accesses to it, thereby providing significantly greater I-495 capacity that in itself will draw all the traffic 'drawable' off Route 123. I went on to add that both we and the VDH&T hope that the \$500,000 is never spent, and that I felt the chances were less than 50-50 that they would be.

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